















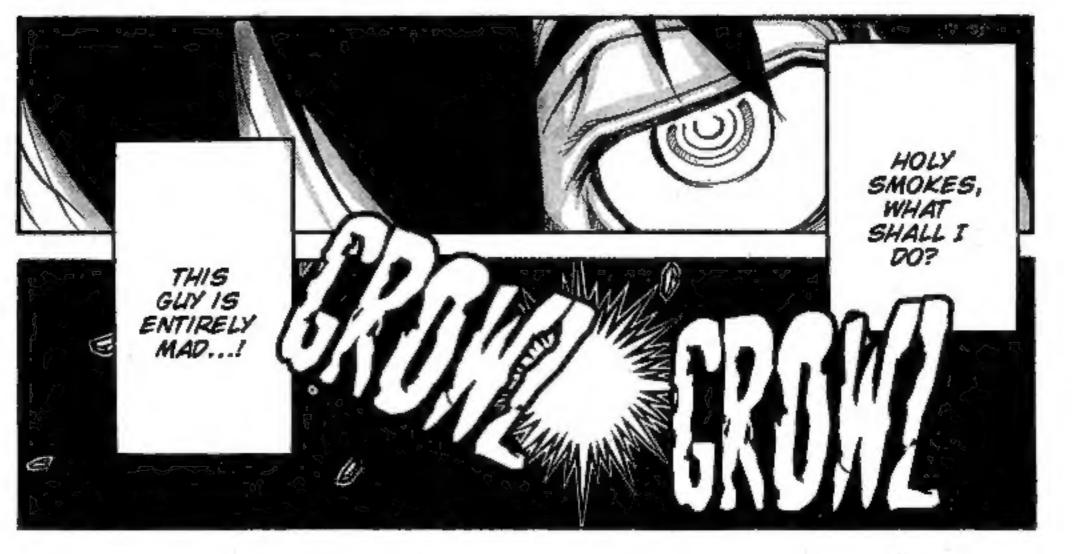
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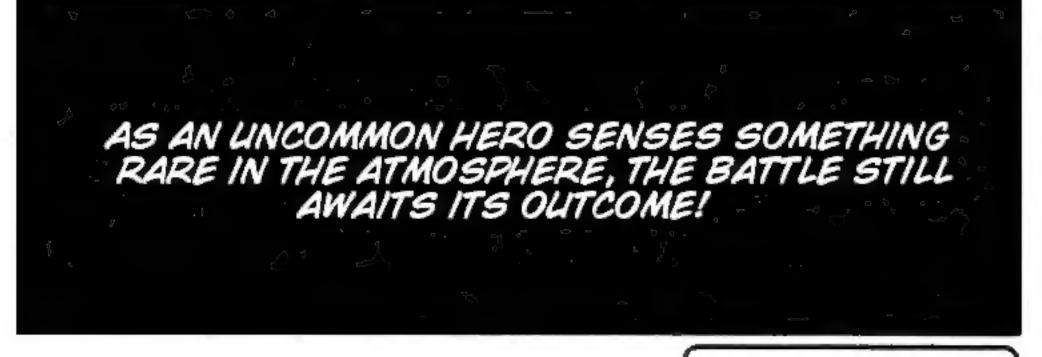












TRANSLATOR & PROOFREADER NOTE

THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN FILLED WITH DIFFERENT REFERENCES SO WE ARE COMPELLED TO MAKE A SEPARATE PAGE TO COMMENT ON ALL OF THEM. ANOTHER NOTE MUST BE MADE THAT OVER THE YEARS, OLMINU AND OLMINE HAVE BEEN USED INTERCHANGEABLY IN THE SCANLATIONS. AS IS, THE PROPER SPELLING IS OLMINU AND THAT WILL BE THE ONE WE WILL BE USING IN THIS AND ALL FUTURE CHAPTERS.

THE CHAPTER TITLE MACHO DRAGON REFERENCES AN ENTRANCE SONG OF THE FAMOUS JAPANESE WRESTLER TATSUMI FUJINAMI, DESIGNED AND SUNG BY HIMSELF. IN THE 80S HE FOUGHT IN JAPAN, THE USA AND MEXICO. HIS WRESTLE NAME WAS "THE DRAGON."

ON PAGE 7, YOICHI REFERENCES SEVERAL THINGS. HACHIMAN IS A JAPANESE SHINTO-BUD-DHISTIC WAR GOD. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS GODS WITHIN JAPAN.

IT IS SAID THAT YOICHI PRAYED MORE OR LESS THE SAME WORDS, WHEN HE DID HIS FAMOUS BOW SHOT IN THE BATTLE OF YASHIMA DURING THE GENPEI WARS.

NIKKOU AND NASU ARE LOCATIONS WITH SHRINES IN TOCHIGI, A REGION WHERE YOICHI LIVED FOR A LONG PERIOD.

ON PAGE 10 YOICHI REFERENCES GENJI, AN ALTERNATIVE NAME FOR THE MINAMOTO, THE CLAN YOICHI FOUGHT FOR.

ON PAGES 12-14, ABE IS CHANTING SHINTO NORITO, WHICH ARE ANCIENT JAPANESE PRAYERS. AS THEY'RE SPOKEN IN ANCIENT AND MYTHICAL JAPANESE, THE TRANSLATION IS JUST AN APPROXIMATION.

HI-FU-MI-YO-I AND MU-CHI-YA-KO-TO ARE ACTUALLY JUST THE NUMBERS IN JAPANESE FROM ONE TO FIVE AND SIX TO TEN RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, IN THE CHANT THEY'VE GOT A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL MEANING APART FROM THE MATHEMATICS, WHICH IS WHY I PUT THEM DIRECTLY INTO LATIN SCRIPT. HE ALSO REFERENCES TEN BLESSINGS FROM SHIN-TO-BUDDHISM, THAT BASICALLY PROTECT YOU FROM ALL SORTS OF EVIL THINGS.

RITSURYOU IS AN OLD JAPANESE CODE OF LAWS, BASED ON CHINESE LAWS AND CONFUCIAN-ISM. IT WAS EFFECTIVELY USED AS CIVIL, CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE THROUGHOUT THE 7TH AND 8TH CENTURY.

AKE-KURO-SHIRO-JIN-MIKADO-AYA-TAMA-AO AND AO-SHIRO-TAMA-AYA-KURO-MIKADO-MIKA-DO-AO-KURO IS WHERE YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR FRIENDLY LOCAL SHINTO PREIST. BASI-CALLY, ABE NO SEIMEI CHANTS A RANDOM SEQUENCE OF KANJI. I PRESUME THERE IS SOME DEEPER SPIRITUAL MEANING BEHIND IT. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE SHINTO NORITO ARE JUST ABOUT SYLLABLES AND DON'T INTENT ON MAKING SENSE AT ALL. MAYBE IT'S ONE OF THOSE OCCASIONS. WHATEVER IT IS, I CHOSE THE KUN-YOMI OF THE SIGNS TO DISPLAY THEM, AS SHINTO IS VERY ORIGINAL JAPANESE CULTURE (THE KUN-YOMI), THAT WAS THERE BEFORE THE BUDDHISTIC-CHINESE INFLUENCES STARTED (THE ON-YOMI).